# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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REFUSAL TO INDIAN FIGHTER JETS TO FLY OVER IRANIAN TERRITORY
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Iran has refused permission to the Indian fighter jets to fly over its territory on way to the US to take part in Red Flat air-combat exercise as reported in the Times of India dated 19 September, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) A request was made to the Government of Iran for overflight clearance for Indian Air Force aircrafts participating in an exercise in the US. Since clearance was not received an alternative route was taken.